PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair was found to be absent at the time when his question came up. I think it is only a courtesy due both to the Chair and to the House that if Honourable Members, who have sent in questions and for which replies have to be given on a particular day, find it inconvenient either to come or to come in time, they ought to give information about it either to the Chair or the Secretary. I hope it will be a procedure which will be followed in future.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, a word of explanation. I was late due to an accident on my way.

PRESIDENT: I am so sorry.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I did not mean any disrespect either to the Chair or to the House.

PRESIDENT: I never meant it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In that case, may I request the Chair to permit my questions being answered? (*Laughter*).

Circuit work of the Nedumangad Tahsildar.

121. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Tahsildar, Nedumangad, goes on circuit and remains in the camp to collect revenue in the taluk; and

(*b*) how many days the Tahsildar was on camp to collect revenue during the course of the year (1109) till the end of Medom 1109 and the respective number of days he spent in the camp?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Tahsildar spent 19 days for revenue collection work out of the 216 days he spent in camp during the period.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member on what dates in the month of Chingom the Tahsildar was in camp?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I cannot supply the information now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether he is in a position to supply me the information about the dates in every month that the Tahsildar was in camp?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I am not in a position to do so now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether he went to Pakuthies and sought the assistance of the leaders there in the matter of getting collections?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have no information.

Tapioca Flour Factory.

122. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(*a*) whether Dr. Barker, in his Report on the Industrial Survey of Travancore, recommended or suggested the starting of a Tapioca Flour Factory in Travancore ; and

(*b*) the approximate cost of starting a Tapioca Flour Factory in Travancore ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 1,50,000.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether one Mr. Seligmann of Messrs Hartmann Bros. Boston, U. S A., visited Travancore and fixed up an order for 20,000 tons of tapioca flour annually ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether 20,000 tons of tapioca flour would fetch Rs. 60 lakhs ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I am not sure.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether Dr. Barker's Industrial Survey Report of Travancore contains the information about it ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether if 20,000 tons of tapioca flour would fetch Rs. 60 lakhs, it is not advisable to start a factory in Travancore at an early date ?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*) : I rise to a point of order. This is a hypothetical question based on certain assumptions.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, may I say a word of explanation ? It is not based on assumption. It is based on facts and figures of the Report of the Industrial Survey by Dr Barker.

PRESIDENT : That is what I understood.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Sir, no answer is forthcoming to the question.

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter has to be investigated.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether anything tangible has to be done in the matter of investigation ?

PRESIDENT : *Has been done?*

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether any action was taken on the investigation of the matter ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter has not been fully investigated.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know from the member the specific date on which the proposal was made and whether that recommendation has been accepted by the Government ?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have not accepted it.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know the reason why it was not accepted ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Because Government did not consider it necessary to embark on the scheme.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know from the member whether Government have at any time considered the possibility of making tapioca flour ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether the Government were not in possession of a recommendation sent by the Economic Development Board as detailed in the administration report of that Department for 1106 that it was highly necessary that this industry ought to be encouraged ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member what action was taken on the recommendation made by the Economic Development Board in the year 1106 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government decided not to embark on the scheme and open the factory but to leave it to private persons.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether such proceedings of the Government was published in any of the official documents ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member how the Government thought that such a decision could be communicated to the public without such a publication ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It was not considered necessary to publish it ; but the order was communicated to the Director of Industries.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know from the member whether Government have enquired that the Director of Industries has placed that information at the disposal of the public ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know from the member in what year the recommendation was made ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : In the year 1921.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know from the member whether the Government thought that report merits the serious consideration of the Government ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is a matter of opinion. The report was considered.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know from the member whether as a result of the consideration they found out whether the recommendation of Dr. Barker was well founded.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The recommendations were not accepted.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom*): May I know from the member the expenditure involved in the construction of a factory?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A lakh and fifty thousand rupees.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member the particular officer who has investigated the matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) The Director of Industries.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) May I know from the member whether he is an authority on tapioca?

PRESIDENT: On everything connected with the Department.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He is an authority on industrial subjects.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): മിസ്റ്റർ ബാക്കർ ശുപാർശ സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റെ ആവശ്യപ്രകാരമാണോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അതെ.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ആ ശുപാർശയുടെ പ്രായോഗികവശങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെന്റു് ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങനെ ആലോചിച്ചശേഷമാണ് ഇങ്ങനെ തീരുമാനിച്ചതു്.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly